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SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application and in compliance with the requirements of MPEP §713.04 and 37 CFR §1.133(b), the Applicant hereby submits a Substance of Interview. The Substance of Interview is further submitted subsequent to the telephone interview of Monday, August 21, 2006, with the Applicant's undersigned representative.

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The Advisor Action ("AA") mailed 8/1/2006 in response to an Amendment After Final ("AF") filed July 11, 2006 and claim 16 of the AF were discussed regarding the distinguishing elements of claim 16 over the art that seemed to be ignored in the comments of the AA. Discussed the base class claimed in paragraph (a) of claim 16 and the claimed distinguishing elements of the base class, such as being of type management element as shown in FIG. 5 of the drawings, providing at least one access point..., traversable to dynamically discover..., etc. Also discussed additional elements enumerated in paragraphs (b) and (c) of claim 16 that

further distinguish over the art. Discussed how the elements distinguish over the art, Reed in particular, which does not disclose or suggest the specific elements claimed.


REMARKS

Examiner Lesniewski indicated he would review the discussion summarized herein above, the AF, and the AA with his supervisory examiner and subsequently contact Applicant's representative regarding the review. The Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Lesniewski for the courtesy and cooperation extended towards the Applicant's undersigned representative during the prosecution of the present application.

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